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SUBJECT: FY 1980 CONSULAR PACKAGE

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S CONSULAR PACKAGE AS REQUESTED REFTEL.

| FY-1977 | FY-1978 | FY-1979 | FY-1980 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ACTUAL | ESTIMATE | ESTIMATE | ESTIMATE |
| 10/1/76 TO | 10/1/77 TO | 10/1/78 TO | 10/1/79 TO |
| 9/30/77 | 9/30/78 | 9/30/79 | 9/30/80 |

2. SCHEDULE 1 - IMMIGRANT VISAS
ARA, EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| 1. IV'S ISSUED | | | |
| 5,281 | 6,500 | 6,900 | 7,300 |
| 2. IV'S REFUSED | | | |
| 2,153 | 3,000 | 2,700 | 2,800 |
| 3. TOTAL IV CASES | | | |
| 7,434 | 9,500 | 9,600 | 10,100 |

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MAN HOURS UTILIZED
AMERICAN OFFICERS

| | | | |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4. FULL TIME PERMANENT | | | |
| 2,482 | 2,478 | 2,580 | 2,580 |

5. TEMPORARY DETAIL

116 100 120 120

6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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7. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS

2,608 2,578 2,700 2,700

LOCAL

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT

9,119 13,340 13,340 13,340

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL

- 160 160 160

10. PIT

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11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

9,563 13,500 13,500 13,500

12. TOTAL IV MAN HOURS

12,171 16,078 16,200 16,200

13. USE OF INTERPRETER

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14. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK

5PCT 8PCT 7PCT 7PCT

3. SCHEDULE II - NON IMMIGRANT VISAS

GEOGRAPHIC BUREAU - ARA

EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

15. NIV'S ISSUED

5,023 4,500 4,950 5,200

16. NIV'S REFUSED

4,319 5,427 5,750 6,000

17. TOTAL NIV CASES

9,342 9,927 10,700 11,200

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT

1,222 1,165 1,300 1,400

19. TEMPORARY DETAIL

116 406 320 320

20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN HOURS

1,338 1,571 1,620 1,720

LOCAL

FULL TIME PERMANENT

22. 2,960 3,583 3,600 3,600

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23. TEMPORARY DETAIL

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24. PIT

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25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

2,9605 3,583 3,600 3,600

26. TOTAL NIV MAN HOURS

| | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 4,298 | 5,154 | 5,220 | 5,320 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED

| | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----|
| \$144.25 | \$160.00 | \$160.00 | \$ |
| #0.00 | | | |

28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS - FY 77

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

29. CREW LIST VISAS

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| 38 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
|----|----|----|----|

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS

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PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING

31. INTERVIEWS

| | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 98PCT | 99PCT | 99PCT | 99PCT |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|

32. USE OF INTERPRETERS

| | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 0PCT | 0PCT | 0PCT | 0PCT |
|------|------|------|------|

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK

| | | | |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1PCT | 1PCT | 1PCT | 1PCT |
|------|------|------|------|

4. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
|---|----|----|----|

35. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|

36. NOTARIALS

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 320 | 330 | 330 | 330 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

27. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS

| | | | |
|----|------|----|----|
| 10 | E 65 | 30 | 30 |
|----|------|----|----|

38. ARRESTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|

39. SHIPPING & SEAMEN

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| 13 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
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40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 210 | 330 | 310 | 310 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

41. TOTAL SCS CASES

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 560 | 742 | 707 | 707 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

42. FULL TIME PERMANENT

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 110 | 620 | 550 | 550 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

43. TEMPORARY DETAIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| - | - | - | - |
|---|---|---|---|

44. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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|---|---|---|---|
| - | - | - | - |
|---|---|---|---|

45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 110 | 620 | 550 | 550 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 275 | 355 | 355 | 355 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

47. TEMPORARY DETAIL

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| - | - | - | - |
|---|---|---|---|

48. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| - | - | - | - |
|---|---|---|---|

49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 275 | 355 | 355 | 355 |
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TOTAL SCS MAN HOURS

| | | | |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|
| 50.385 | 975 | 905 | 905 |
|--------|-----|-----|-----|

51. TREASURY CHECKS

| | | | |
|-----|-------|--|--|
| 618 | 1,200 | | |
|-----|-------|--|--|

5. SCHEDULE IV - CITIZENSHIP & PASSPORT SERVICES

ARA - EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

52. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 163 | 155 | 155 | 155 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

53. PASSPORT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| 44 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
|----|----|----|----|

54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED

| | | | |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 119 | 125 | 125 | 125 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|

55. NO FEE PASSPORT ISSUED

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|

56. PASSPORTS AMENDED OR EXTENDED

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
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57. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS

| | | | |
|----|----|----|----|
| 85 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
|----|----|----|----|

58. REPORTS OF BIRTH

| | | | |
|---|----|----|----|
| 8 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
|---|----|----|----|

59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
|---|---|---|---|

60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|---|---|---|

61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT CASES

375

62. IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED

0

63. TOTAL PASSPORT CASES

375 417 417 417

MAN HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS

64. FULL TIME PERMANENT

202 230 230 230

65. TEMPORARY DETAIL

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66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN HOURS

202 230 230 230

LOCAL

68. FULL TIME PERMANENT

289 320 320 320

69. TEMPORARY DETAIL

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70. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED)

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71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS

289 320 320 320

72. TOTAL PASSPORT MAN HOURS

491 550 550 550

73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 1/31/78

1,186

AMERICAN CITIZENS REGISTERED

74. OFFICIALS - 57

75. NON-OFFICIALS 1,129

6. SCHEDULE V -CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATION

ARA- EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

| HOURS GAINED | AMERICAN | LOCAL |
|--------------|----------|-------|
|--------------|----------|-------|

| | | |
|----------|-----|----|
| OVERTIME | 437 | 35 |
|----------|-----|----|

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| DETAILS IN | 232 | 0 |
|------------|-----|---|

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| HOURS LOST | 616 | 0 |
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| | | |
|-------------|---|---|
| DETAILS OUT | 0 | 0 |
|-------------|---|---|

| | | |
|---------------|-----|---|
| STAFFING GAPS | 320 | 0 |
|---------------|-----|---|

| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| PROLONGED LEAVE | 152 | 544 |
|-----------------|-----|-----|

| AMERICANS: | VISAS | SCS | PPT | GENERAL | TOTAL |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|
|------------|-------|-----|-----|---------|-------|

76. AUTHORIZED

77. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 2 0 0 1 3

78. FILLED 1/31/78 2 0 0 1 3

INCREASE/(AMERICAN)

79. REQUIRED FY-79 -1

80. REQUIRED FY-80 -0

LOCALS

18. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 5 0 0 1 6

82. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78 8 0 0 1 9

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83. FILLED 1/31/78 8 0 0 1 9

INCREASE/DECREASE 0

84. REQUIRED FY-79 0

85. REQUIRED FY-80 0

7. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.
ARA-EMBASSY, GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY
NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED
AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS IN WORK OTHER THAN
FEDERAL BENEFITS
AMERICAN: 0 LOCAL: 0

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NON-REIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON
FEDERAL BENEFITS.
AMERICAN: 96 LOCAL: 176

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS

1. A. FRAUD UNIT - NONE
- B. SECURITY - NONE
- C. LINE OFFICER - 14
2. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION
- A. VISA - 8
- B. FEDERAL BENEFITS - 0
- C. PASSPORT - 6

C. U.S.: CITIZEN IN JAIL 1/31/78 - 1
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D. SERVICES FOR INS

1. NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS - 10
2. NUMBER OF F-151 CARDS SURRENDERED - 15
3. I-151 CARDS INTERVIEWS - LOST/STOLEN - 18

E. LOST OF NATIONALITY CASES

(INCLUDING RENUNCIATIONS) - 0

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED - 0

G. 1. SEARCHES FOR MISSING PERSONS -2

2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES -5
3. CHILD CUSTODY CASES -1
4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING MEDAVAC -1
5. MEDEVAC INVOLVING REPATRIATION LOANS -0
6. MEDEVAC NOT AT USG EXPENSE -1
7. REPATRIATION APPLICATIONS -0
8. REPATRIATION NOT INVOLVING USG EXPENSE -0
9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFERS (INCLUDING TRUST & COMMERCIAL BANK) -1
10. UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANEOUS W/W ACTIONS -53

H. NOT APPLICABLE

I. NARRATIVE

1. PREFACE

NO LONGER CAN THE CONSULAR SECTION HERE
BE CHARACTERIZED PRIMARILY AS A VISA

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ORIENTED OPERATION. TO BE SURE, VISAS STILL OCCUPY THE GREATER AMOUNT OF THE SECTIONS'S TIME. HOWEVER, INCREASED BIRTH AND DEATH REPORTS, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY DISPUTES AND RELATED WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE RECENT INFLUX OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION HAVE CREATED A STRAIN ON AN ALREADY VERY BUSY SECTION. AT THE SAME TIME A DEEPENING ECONOMIC CRISIS IN GUYANA HAS PROVIDED IMPETUS TO THE SURGE IN REQUESTS FOR ALL TYPES OF VISAS AND HAS CAUSED A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MALAFIDE NIV'S. THIS PRESENT ECONOMIC SLUMP IS NOT EXPECTED TO RIGHT ITSELF IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT BECAUSE OF THE FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTING ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR FY-1979. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PRESENTED TO COMPLEMENT THE STATISTICS LISTED ABOVE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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PROVIDE THE JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR REQUEST.

2. JUSTIFICATION

THE CONSULAR WORKLOAD HERE HAS RISEN DRAMATICALLY OVER THE PAST YEAR. IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS HAVE DOUBLED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1977 FROM 3,673 TO 7,434 AND WILL RISE ANOTHER 2,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, WHICH WILL MEAN A 256 PERCENT INCREASE IN FOUR YEARS. NON-IMMIGRANT VISA (NIV) APPLICATIONS DURING THE PAST THREE YEAR PERIOD HAS ALSO INCREASED BY ONE THIRD FROM 7,735 ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 TO 9,342 ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1977. AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 700 APPLICATIONS IS EXPECTED THIS FISCAL YEAR TO PLACE OUR NIV CASE LOAN OVER 10,000 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. OUR SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES WORKLOAD HAS RISEN ABOUT 40 PERCENT THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS AND BY THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR WILL HAVE DOUBLED (355 SCS

CASES TO 742 CASES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 30, 1975 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1978). OUR PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP WORKLOAD IS ALSO UP AROUND 40 PERCENT FROM 286 CASES IN FY-75 TO 417 CASES BY THE END OF FY-78. THIS INCREASED WORKLOAD HAS BEEN ABSORBED PRIMARILY THROUGH THREE NEW FSL POSITIONS AUTHORIZED IN FY-78 BUT NO REPEAT NO ADDITIONAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL.

(A) IMMIGRANT VISAS

OUR ESTIMATE OF 9,600 PLUS IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THE INCREASES LISTED INTO THE NEXT FEW YEARS IS BASED UPON OUR PRESENT NUMBER OF PENDING UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NEW CASES. AT PRESENT WE HAVE 3,115 APPLICANTS DOCUMENTARILY QUALIFIED WAITING FOR APPOINTMENTS. WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING 200 TO 240 NEW CASES WEEKLY SINCE APRIL, 1977. IN ORDER TO REMAIN CURRENT WE MUST PROCESS A MINIMUM OF AT LEAST 220 CASES WEEKLY. MOREOVER, THE VERY BAD LOCAL ECONOMIC SITUATION MENTIONED IN MORE DETAIL IN PARAGRAPH 2(B) WILL PROVIDE FURTHER STIMULUS FOR GUYANESE TO MIGRATE ABROAD. AT THE SAME TIME, BECAUSE OF OUR VERY HIGH IV REFUSAL RATE, ABOUT 30 PERCENT, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION TO SET ASIDE ONE DAY PER WEEK FOR OFFICERS TO SEE APPLICANTS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY REFUSED, AND WISH TO DISCUSS THEIR CASE OR PRESENT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS TO OVERCOME THEIR PREVIOUS REFUSALS. THIS HAS BEEN VERY USEFUL IN BOTH PROVIDING SERVICE TO APPLICANTS AND INSURING THAT A SPECIFIC TIME IS SET ASIDE TO PROCESS SUCH CASES. IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT UNDER CONDITIONS PREVAILING HERE AN OFFICER CANNOT EFFICIENTLY INTERVIEW MORE THAN 30 APPLICANTS DAILY. OTHERWISE, THERE IS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT THE OFFICER THE NECESSARY TIME FOR INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS AND CHECKING DOCUMENTS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE THE VISA. OUR IMMIGRANT VISA OFFICER MUST BE ALERT TO DETECT FRAUDULENT JOB OFFERS, AND NON-EXISTENT FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS, THE TWO MOST COMMON ATTEMPTS TO CIRCUMVENT OUR VISA LAWS. MOREOVER, THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS IS EXACERBATED BY THE GUYANESE PROPENSITY TO HAVE ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN, AND SEVERAL DIFFERENT NAMES. SORTING OUT JUST WHO IS WHO IS A VERY TIME CONSUMING

PROBLEM. ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE BEEN COPING WITH THE INCREASED
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UTILIZATION OF FORM LETTERS, CROSS TRAINING OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES
AND THE USE, SINCE JANUARY 1, 1978, OF AN ADDITIONAL EMBASSY
OFFICER HALF DAYS TO ASSIST IN NIV INTERVIEWS. HOWEVER,
AFTER MARCH 31, WE CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THAT OFFICER EXCEPT
IN EMERGENCIES BECAUSE OF OTHER DUTY COMMITMENTS. WITH THIS
OFFICER'S HELP, WE ARE PRESENTLY CONDUCTING 60 DAILY IV
INTERVIEWS TO CUT OUR BACKLOG OF PENDING CASES BUT HAVE ONLY
REDUCED IT FROM ABOUT 3,600 TO 3,100 CASES. OBVIOUSLY,
WITHOUT CONTINUOUS FULL TIME ASSISTANCE WE WILL HAVE A LARGER
BACKLOG THAT WITHIN SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR COULD TOTAL AS MANY
AS 5,000 CASES. FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASING
COMPLEXITY AND NUMBERS OF NON-IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS,
OUR NIV OFFICER HAS LESS AND LESS TIME TO ASSIST THE IV
OFFICER TO REACH THE OPTIMUM NUMBER OF DAILY APPOINTMENTS
(50) TO STAY CURRENT WITH OUR PRESENT WORKLOAD.

(B) NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS

AS MENTIONED ABOVE, WE HAVE HAD A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN
NIV WORK OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS. THE FIGURES GIVEN WOULD NOT
BE PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT FOR EXAMPLE IN LONDON BUT IN

GEORGETOWN IT IS A LARGE INCREASE BECAUSE WE MUST INTERVIEW
ALMOST EVERY APPLICANT. OUR NIV OFFICER MUST CONDUCT THOROUGH
INTERVIEWS TO INSURE THAT ONLY THOSE BONA FIDE APPLICANTS
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RECEIVE VISAS. OUR NIV WORKLOAD HERE IS PRESENTLY EXACER-
BATED BY THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC CRISIS THAT GUYANA IS PRESENTLY
UNDERGOING AND WHICH IS FAR FROM BOTTOMING OUT. HIGH
UNEMPLOYMENT, SHORTAGES OF FOOD AND OTHER CONSUMER GOODS,
AND THE LACK OF HOPE FOR BETTER CONDITIONS IN THE FUTURE ARE
POWERFUL INCENTIVES FOR GUYANESE TO EMIGRATE. MANY ATTEMPT TO
DO SO BY SEEKING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES WITH NIV'S TO LOOK
FOR EMPLOYMENT. THEREFORE, OUR NIV OFFICER MUST SPEND AN
INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME WITH EACH APPLICANT REGARDLESS OF
THEIR SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS. SINCE WE INTERVIEW ALL NIV
APPLICANTS ON THE DAY THEY APPLY THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN
CONTROL THIS FLOW. THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO CUT BACK ON IV
INTERVIEWS OR REQUEST AN OFFICER PART TIME FROM ANOTHER SEC-
TION. HOWEVER, GIVEN THIS POST'S AUSTERE MANNING THIS IS NOT
ALWAYS POSSIBLE AND IS AT BEST ONLY A TEMPORARY MEASURE AND
NOT A SOLUTION.

(C) SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

THE CHIEF OF SECTION NORMALLY PERFORMS THIS FUNCTION. HERE
AGAIN THIS UNIT HAS SHOWN A DRAMATIC INCREASE OVER THE PAST
SEVERAL YEARS FROM 355 CASES IN FY-75 TO 560 CASES IN FY-77,
A 40 PERCENT RISE WITH ANOTHER RISE ESTIMATED IN FY-78 AT 742
CASES WHICH COMES TO ALMOST A 100 PERCENT JUMP OVER THE PAST
THREE YEARS. SINCE AUGUST, 1977 AN AMERICAN QUASI RELIGIOUS
ORGANIZATION HAS BROUGHT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 AMERICANS TO
GUYANA TO SETTLE IN AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY CARVED OUT OF
THE JUNGLE IN GUYANA'S REMOTE NORTHWEST DISTRICT. THIS MOVEMENT
HAS CREATED A HEAVY INFLUX OF WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS INQUIRIES,
NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, SEVERAL CHILD CUSTODY
DISPUTES INCLUDING ONE VERY LENGTHY CHILD CUSTODY CASE
(STILL UNRESOLVED) WITH HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST, AND A
SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TREASURY CHECKS AND
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REQUESTS FOR ACTION BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.
EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD TO VISIT THIS REMOTE COMMUNITY THREE
TIMES IN RECENT MONTHS. HENCEFORTH, UNLESS REQUIRED BY
EMERGENCIES TO VISIT THE COMMUNITY MORE OFTEN, A CONSULAR
OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO VISIT IT AT LEAST QUARTERLY TO PERFORM
STATUTORY CONSULAR SERVICES AND RESPOND TO INQUIRIES FROM

RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE PRESENCE OF THIS GROUP WILL ALSO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF REPORTS OF BIRTH AND DEATH. APPROXIMATELY 200 SENIOR CITIZENS RANGING IN AGE FROM 60 TO 106 YEARS ARE AT THE COMMUNITY. FINALLY, WE HAVE HAD ONE ARREST CASE WHICH INITIALLY REQUIRED SEVERAL MAN DAYS OF WORK DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF ARREST AND TRIAL AND OF COURSE STILL REQUIRES ONE VISIT PER MONTH WHICH NORMALLY OCCUPIES AN OFFICER FOR HALF A MAN DAY.

(D) PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP

AS A COROLLARY TO OUR INCREASED SCS ACTIVITY, PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP ACTIVITIES HAVE ALSO INCREASED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE EXPERIENCING A LARGE NUMBER OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS FOR PASSPORTS. ONE REASON IS THAT A U.S. OWNED COMPANY IN GUYANA, GEORGETOWN SEAFOODS, IS CUTTING BACK ITS OPERATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY, MANY OF THE TRAWLER FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO DOCUMENT THEIR OFFSPRING (BOTH LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE) AS AMERICAN CITIZENS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. THIS REQUIRES PAINSTAKING AND THOROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH THE SEAMEN WHO ARE MOSTLY UNEDUCATED AND HAVE LITTLE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE LENGTH OF THEIR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT, IN SOME CASES THE SEAMEN THEMSELVES HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN PROVING THEIR OWN CLAIMS TO AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP, THUS NECESSITATING MUCH CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN ORDER TO VERIFY THEIR CITIZENSHIP.

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(E) OTHER

THE CHIEF OF SECTION IN GEORGETOWN IS PRESENTLY THE THIRD RANKING FSO IN THE EMBASSY. AS SUCH, IN THE PAST HE HAS BEEN CALLED UPON TO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS CHARGE (ON ONE OCCASION FOR THREE MONTHS), AND ACTING DCM. HE ALSO SITS IN ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS AS WELL AS THE WEEKLY COUNTRY TEAM MEETING. IN THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES HE PROVIDES USEFUL POLITICAL REPORTS AND HAS HEAVY LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES WITH HIGH RANKING GOG OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS WELL AS POLITICAL AND LABOR FIGURES. IN SEEKING ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO COPE WITH OUR INCREASED WORKLOAD THE PRESENT THINLY-SPREAD STAFFING OF THIS EMBASSY MUST BE CONSIDERED. WE HAVE A TWO-MAN ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, ONE JUNIOR ECONOMIC OFFICER (WITHOUT CONSULAR EXPERIENCE), ONE POLITICAL/LABOR JUNIOR ROTATIONAL OFFICER, THE DCM AND THE AMBASSADOR. GIVEN THIS STAFFING PATTERN AND IMPORTANT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES, THE EMBASSY CANNOT SHIFT OFFICERS FROM OTHER SECTIONS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. IF THE POST IS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT, PROMPT, AND EFFECTIVE CONSULAR SERVICES THEN IT IS VITAL THAT A FOURTH OFFICER BE AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS OUR MOST RECENT INSPECTION IN NOVEMBER, 1977 DISCLOSED, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS PERFORMED

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AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY IN PERFORMING ITS STATUTORY FUNCTIONS, DUE TO THE BROAD EXPERIENCE ANND DEDICATION OF THE CHIEF AS WELL AS THE FORTUNATE ASSIGNMENT OF CONSCIENTIOUS YOUNG OFFICERS. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THIS EFFECTIVENESS, WE MUST HAVE ANOTHER OFFICER. (WE NOTE THAT BY UTILIZING AN OFFICER FROM ANOTHER SECTION HALF DAYS FOR THREE MONTHS, THE CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AN APPRECIATIVE DENT IN A SIGNIFICANT BACKLOG OF IV CASES). WE POINT OUT THAT THE SECTION HAS ABSORBED THE SHARP INCREASE IN ITS IV WORKLOAD WITHOUT HAVING ADDED ADDITIONAL OFFICERS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE WORKLOAD THAT THREE OFFICERS, HOWEVER EFFICIENT, CONSCIENTIOUS, AND HARD WORKING THEY MAY BE, CAN PERFORM ON A SUSTAINED BASIS AND THAT LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED. WE NOW NEED AN ADDITIONAL CONSULAR POSITION IF THE SECTION IS TO KEEP UP WITH ITS WORK.

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